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The Bonn Foreign Ministry expects Kuwait and Lebanon to follow suit. One official has expressed uncertainty over the possibility that the Somali Republic and Algeria will also recognize East Germany.

This same German official thought the Egyptian action would hurt the chances of West Germany resuming relations with Yemen. Another official, contradicting a report that West Germany and Yemen had already reached agreement, has said that negotiations are now indefinitely postponed.

In reaction to Cairo's move, the Bonn cabinet has decided to maintain a foothold in Egypt but to cut back on West German activity there. The size of the German interests section of the Italian Embassy in Cairo will be reduced, current aid agreements will be permitted to run out, and the offer of a large credit for the purchase of wheat will be withdrawn. Small cultural and humanitarian programs will continue, however, if Cairo so desires. All of the Arab states except Morocco, Tunisia, and Libya broke diplomatic ties with Bonn in 1965 when West Germany recognized Israel.

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NOTES

USSR-ENDC: The Soviet Union has responded positively to the US request for additional enlargement of the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee (ENDC). The Soviets had earlier indicated that they would be opposed to more than one additional country (Yugoslavia). On 11 July, however, they agreed in part to a US proposal calling for enlargement by five countries. The Soviets will accept Pakistan on its own merits rather than as an ally of the US to be balanced by a Soviet ally, and have also indicated that they would now be willing to include another Latin American country. Further negotiations lie ahead, but the Soviet response suggests that Moscow is prepared to reach a final agreement on the enlargement issue.

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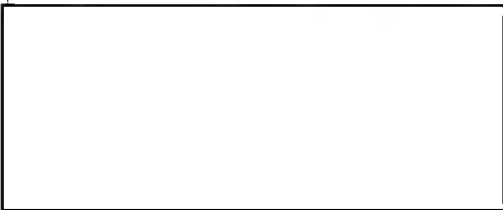
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